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& LIONE****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Appln. of: David E. Daws et al.Appln. No.: 10/658,988Filed: September 9, 2003For: HARDWARE ASSEMBLY FOR CVI-CVD  
PROCESSESAttorney Docket No: 4865-162Examiner: Rudy ZervigonArt Unit: 1763Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114) TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):☐ Previously submitted:☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_☒ Attached is/are:☐ An Information Disclosure Statement☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ Is no longer desired.

☒ Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

☒ A Request fee of \$790 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).

☐ A suspension processing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

☐ An additional filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (\_\_\_\_\_ additional independent claims and/or \_\_\_\_\_ additional total claims).

☐ An extension fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time.

☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

☒ A check in the amount of \$790 is enclosed.


☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

June 13, 2006  
Date

  
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